

Dear BRAC Members:

This e-mail provides an update on the immense amount of work that has been going on since our last BRAC meeting. The items which require your immediate attention are listed first, with a more detailed description of the past and future process second.

1. The "rolled up" list of policy options is attached and will shortly be posted on the SWG webpage. Please review the list ASAP. If you have any concerns or disagreements regarding the "rolled up" listing, please send them to climatechange@utah.gov **on or before Friday May 5, 2007**. After that date, all future BRAC discussions about recommendations to the Governor will be limited to the policy options included on the "rolled up" list. I.e., make sure the ones you feel strongly about are included.
2. If you have relevant data to provide regarding any of the "rolled up" policy options, please send it to climatechange@utah.gov **ASAP**. If you would like to be part of the process of filling in the data gaps, please attend the sector group and/or stakeholder working group meetings. Meeting schedules are regularly updated and posted at: http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Climate_Change/upcoming_meetings.htm
3. The final educational symposium will be held on Tuesday, May 8 from 8-Noon at DEQ, 168 North 1950 West SLC. Topics to be addressed include renewable portfolio standards and electrical generation technologies. Webcasts of the two previous symposia can be viewed at http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Climate_Change/Symposium.htm DVDs are being made and will be provided to BRAC members as soon as they are available. These three symposia are your opportunity to learn the basics about some of the concepts that will likely come up in future policy recommendation discussions. There will not be additional educational presentations for the BRAC.
4. **Mark your calendars:** BRAC meetings and tentative times as follows:
 - **July 10** - 1 - 5 pm -- DEQ Room 101
 - **July 31** - 10 am - 5 pm (lunch provided) -- DEQ Room 101
 - **August 14** - 10 am - 5 pm (lunch provided) -- DEQ Room 101

Stakeholder Working Group Process, and What the BRAC Can Expect in the Future

The meeting summary for the 3/20/07 BRAC meeting is attached.

The Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) has broken into five sector groups (Residential/Commercial/Industrial RCI, Transportation/Land Use, Energy Supply, Agriculture/Forestry, Cross Cutting). The sector groups have completed "rolling up" the original list of 207 policy options into approximately 90 options for further discussion. The "rolled up" list, showing how each of the original 207 options has been incorporated into the "rolled up" listing, is attached and will shortly be posted on the SWG homepage.

The sector groups are now gathering relevant information about each "rolled up" policy option. They are focusing on the categories of information requested by the BRAC, including available cost and GHG emissions reduction potential data and other qualitative considerations. By the end of June, the SWG will reach their determination of whether each policy option has a low-medium-high cost and a low-medium-high reduction potential and will have an initial recommendation on what the top policy options could be.

The SWG's assessments will be forwarded to the BRAC as soon as they are available. The agenda for the 7/10 BRAC meeting will include BRAC questions and clarifications about individual policy options, and a discussion of the BRAC's level of agreement with the SWG's

assessments. Before the 7/31 BRAC meeting, each BRAC member will cast a preliminary vote on each policy option (hopefully in an on-line voting format), giving their preliminary view of whether the option should be included as a policy recommendation in the final report to the Governor. Based on the tabulation of the preliminary votes, the last two BRAC meetings (July 31 and August 7) will be devoted to discussing those policy options about which there is not clear consensus, a final vote, and developing a final report writing process.

Science Report Process

The independent science panel has been constituted and has begun its work of researching and writing the science portion of the final report to the Governor. A listing of the science panel members and their working outline can be found at:

http://www.deq.utah.gov/BRAC_Climate/index.htm#process. We will keep you posted of the science panel's progress. Both the SWG and the BRAC will have an opportunity to review the science panel's report for readability and clarity.

Climate Change Educational Symposia

Three educational symposia have been sponsored by DEQ. If you were unable to attend in person, they can be viewed online at

http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Climate_Change/Symposium.htm Alternatively, a DVD of each symposium will be provided as soon as they are available. The symposia addressed the following topics:

Symposium 1 -- Climate Science, March 13

Historical and monitoring evidence - Dr. David Chapman, Dean of The Graduate School, Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies, and Professor of Geology & Geophysics at the University of Utah.

Strengths and weaknesses of global climate modeling - Dr. Caspar Ammann, a climate scientist working at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado.

Regional aspects of Climate Change - Dr. Fred Wagner, Professor Emeritus, Wildland Resources, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University.

Symposium 2 --Climate Policy Part 1, April 24

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goal-Setting - Kurt Maurer, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Cap and Trade Programs - Kyle Davis, Manager of Environmental Policy and Strategy, PacifiCorp

Carbon Tax - Dr. Gary Bryner, Professor of Political Science, BYU

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Registries - Joel Levin, Vice President of Business Development, California Climate Action Registry (CCAR)

Symposium 3 - Climate Policy Part 2, May 8

Agenda is being finalized and will be posted by mid-week. Topics will include renewable portfolio standards and electrical generation technologies.

Check back at: http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Climate_Change/Symposium.htm

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